MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON MARCH 16, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor David Rieder and City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard.

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Eddie Bradley, Heather Johnston, Eddie King, Danna Schneider, Judy Weaver and Freeman Wish.

\$3,000.00 Economic Development

Mayor Rieder requested the Economic Development fund Budget be adjusted in the amount of \$3,000.00 for miscellaneous expenses for Stephen Houserman. Alderman Weaver made a motion to adjust the Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$3,000.00 for miscellaneous expenditures as needed for the Economic Developer which Alderman Johnston seconded.

Vote aye: Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

\$125,000.00 for Stage

Mayor Rieder stated the City had received a grant from the State of Arkansas for \$50,000.00 for the stage to be built at the Trail Head. Mayor Rieder requested the Economic Development fund be adjusted in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the construction of the stage. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the construction of the Stage and adjust the Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$125,000.00 which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Target Muffler Building - Prework \$10,000.00

Mayor Rieder requested \$10,000.00 for the cleanout of the Target Muffler Building (107 Main). Alderman King made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 from Economic Development which Alderman Weaver seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Peden Property \$110,000.00

Mayor Rieder requested the Peden Property be purchased for \$110,000.00. The buildings would be torn down and a parking lot built for a parking area for the downtown area. Alderman Wish made a motion to purchase the Peden Property for \$110,000.00 and adjust the Economic Development Fund for the expenditure. Alderman King seconded the motion.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Parking Lot \$75,000.00

Mayor Rieder requested \$75,000.00 be approved from Economic Development to construct the parking lot for downtown parking. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$75,000.00 from Economic Development Funds for the construction of a parking lot for downtown parking which Alderman King seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Removal of Bus Barn

The old Bus Barn building is sinking; a contractor would be needed to tear down the building. The roof structure is failing and the building would not be safe for an alternate use. Council agreed to removing the structure.

Event Center

Mayor Rieder explained the 2011 & 2012 Bonds would be paid off four years early and suggested refinancing the Bonds and adding an additional seventeen million dollars for seventeen years for the event center, a consolidated 911 center, 4 field turf complex an all-inclusive playground at Cline Park and FAA approved lighting at the Soccer fields. A 1/8 cent would be set aside for maintenance on the Event Center. This would be an extension of the current one cent bond issue. The citizens of Clarksville would have to vote on each project. Mayor Rieder requested \$10,000.00 to have the University of Arkansas do an

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Economic Impact Study for the Event Center. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 from Economic Development Funds for the Economic Impact Study which Alderman Weaver seconded. Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard